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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Personnel Reimburse-
3 ment for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of
4 Homeland Security Act” or the “PRICE of Homeland Se-
5 curity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) After the terrorist attacks on September 11,
9 2001, State, local, and tribal governments redoubled
10 their efforts to combat terrorism and expended tre-
11 mendous energy and financial resources to help the
12 Federal Government fight the terrorist threat.

13 (2) States and localities have formed fusion
14 centers, hired intelligence analysts, and contributed
15 a significant amount of resources to the expansion
16 of Federal homeland security efforts.

17 (3) These actions, in conjunction with the ef-
18 forts of the Federal Government and private indus-
19 try, have materially contributed to the common de-
20 fense of this Nation and have helped keep our home-
21 land secure.

22 (4) The National Strategy for Information
23 Sharing issued by the President in October 2007
24 plainly states that “The Federal Government may
25 need to provide financial and technical assistance, as
26 well as human resource support, to these fusion cen-

1 ters if they are to achieve and sustain a baseline
2 level of capability. The objective is to assist State
3 and local governments in the establishment and the
4 sustained operation of these fusion centers. A sus-
5 tained Federal partnership with State and major
6 urban area fusion centers is critical to the safety of
7 our Nation, and therefore a national priority.”.

8 (5) The Federal Government has endeavored to
9 support these State efforts through the State Home-
10 land Security Grant Program and other methods of
11 Federal assistance but have placed restrictions on
12 the use of these funds that make long-term planning
13 for fusion centers unmanageable.

14 (6) It is vital to the security of our homeland
15 that States and localities are able to continue to re-
16 ceive funding for the participation of State and local
17 analysts in fusion centers and in their State and
18 local efforts to combat terrorism and terrorist-re-
19 lated activities.

20 **SEC. 3. GRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR ANALYSTS.**

21 Section 2008(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
22 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended—

23 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
24 striking “Grants” and all that follows through
25 “plans, through” and inserting the following: “The

1 Administrator shall permit grant recipients under
2 section 2003 or 2004 to use grant funds to achieve
3 and sustain target capabilities related to preventing,
4 preparing for, protecting against, and responding to
5 acts of terrorism, consistent with a State homeland
6 security plan and relevant local, tribal, and regional
7 homeland security plans, through”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (10) by inserting the following
9 after “analysts”: “regardless of whether such ana-
10 lysts are current or new full-time employees or con-
11 tract employees and such funding shall be made
12 available without time limitations placed on the pe-
13 riod of time that such analyst can serve under
14 awarded grants.”.

15 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS FOR PERSONNEL AND OPER-**
16 **ATIONAL COSTS.**

17 Section 2008(b)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of
18 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(b)(2)) is amended by striking so
19 much as precedes subparagraph (B) and inserting the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(2) PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONAL COSTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient of a
23 grant under section 2003 or 2004 may, at the
24 recipient’s discretion, use up to 50 percent of
25 the amount of the grant awarded for any fiscal

year to pay for personnel and operational costs,
including overtime and backfill costs, in support
of the uses authorized under subsection (a).”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 29, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.